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FOR SELF PROPELLED APPLIANCE  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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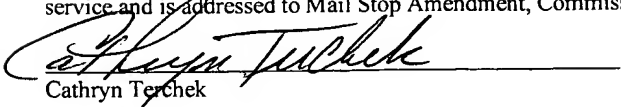
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 28, 2006, setting forth a Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects, without traverse, for further prosecution of the subject application, Group I, which claims are drawn to an upright cleaning device. This elected group includes original claims 1-25.

Applicants further elect the drive wheel species of Figure 13 and the type of cleaner species of Figure 1. This elected group includes original claims 1-18 which are generic. Claims 19-25 also read on the elected species.

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Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the invention of Group II, which group includes original claims 26-29, drawn to the method of propelling an upright cleaner.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-25 of this application are in condition for substantive examination. Such examination is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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